Reg. And in good time you gaue it.
Lear. Made you my guardians, my depoſitaries,
But kept a reſeruation to be followed
With ſuch a number, what, muſt I come to you
With fiue and twenty, *Regan*, ſaid you ſo?
Reg. And ſpeak't againe my Lord, no more with me.
Lear. Thoſe wicked creatures yet do ſeeme well-fauour'd
When others are more wicked, not being the worſt,
Stands in ſome ranke of praiſe, Ile go with thee,
Thy fifty yet doth double fiue and twenty,
And thou art twice her loue.
Gon. Heare me my Lord;
What need you fiue and twenty, ten, or fiue,
To follow in a houſe, where twice ſo many
Haue a command to tend you?
Regan. What needs one?
Lear. O reaſon not the deed, our baſeſt beggers
Are in the pooreſt thing ſuperfluous,
Allow not nature more then nature needs,
Mans life's as cheap as beaſts; thou art a Lady,
If onely to go warme were gorgious,
Why nature needs not what thou gorgious weareſt,
Which ſcarſely keepes thee warme, but for true need,
You heauens giue me that patience, patience I need,
You ſee me heere (you Gods) a poore old fellow,
As full of greefe as age, wretched in both,
If it be you that ſtirres theſe daughters hearts
Againſt their Father, foole me not too much,
To beare it lamely, touch me with noble anger,
O let not womens weapons, water drops
Staine my mans cheekes, no you vnnaturall hags,
I will haue ſuch reuenges on you both,
That all the world ſhall——I will do ſuch things,
What they are, yet I know not, but they ſhall be
The terrors of the earth; you thinke ile weepe,
No, ile not weepe, I haue full cauſe of weeping,
But this heart ſhall breake in a thouſand flowes

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